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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

SURREY COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM

AT

BROOKWOOD,

TO BE PRESENTED TO THE

COURT OF QUARTER SESSION,

HELD AT ST. MARY, NEWINGTON,

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COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

For the Year 1875.

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Clerk and Steward—Mr. WALTER CAPPE.

Housekeeper—Mrs. ENSOR.

Head Male Attendant—Mr. J. C. TURNER.

Head Female Attendant—Miss FLINT.

SURREY.

To Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Surrey, in the Easter General Quarter Session, 1875, *assembled.*

THE Committee of Visitors of Brookwood Asylum present the following as their Report on the state and condition of the Asylum, with an audited account of the receipts and expenditure, for the year ending on the 31st December, 1874.

The Reports of the Commissioners in Lunacy who visited this Asylum in March, 1874, and in January, 1875, give such ample details as to all the matters affecting the internal arrangements of the Asylum, and the condition of the inmates, that the Visitors feel they should only be occupying needless time if they were to do more than to refer to the Reports hereto annexed.

The following changes in the Staff have occurred:—The Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. SWAIN, having been appointed

Medical Superintendent of the Asylum at Arlesey, for the Counties of Beds, Herts, and Hunts, his place has been supplied by Dr. James Edward Barton, who was previously known to this Committee, and whose careful management of, and kind attention to the patients, has fully justified his appointment. A second night attendant for the female division, recommended by the Commissioners in Lunacy, has been appointed. These are the only important changes in the Staff, and we testify our satisfaction with the manner in which the whole body have performed their very trying duties. Good feeling, due no doubt to the judicious management of the Superintendent, reigns among them.

The additional buildings have made most satisfactory progress; prior to the end of 1874, the walls were completed, and at this date the whole is roofed, floors laid, walls plastered, and there is reason to hope that the whole will be fit for occupation before the end of the year. These buildings, with the necessary gas and water supply, furniture, &c., engage much of the time and attention of the Committee and the Superintendent. All the buildings have been placed in communication with the Superintendent's house by means of electric bells.

Annexed herewith are some plain directions to be observed by discharged patients, a copy of which is given to each patient on discharge, and which we hope will be useful.

The Necropolis Company has offered to reserve a portion of their Cemetery for persons dying in the Asylum, which has been accepted.

We append a complete record as to the expenditure on the Recreation Hall, which was opened at the end of the year 1873, of which the accounts had not all been sent in at the time of making our last Report.

The appended General Statement of Income and Expenditure shows that the weekly charge of 10s. 6d. per patient to Unions, &c., has been sufficient.

The Visitors regret that, owing to the crowded state of the Asylum, they have hitherto been unable to give full effect to the Order of the Court at Midsummer, 1867, with respect to County patients. The early completion of the new buildings at this Asylum, whereby the numbers in each Asylum will be nearly equalized, will necessitate some fresh arrangement in regard to the distribution of County patients. The Visitors would therefore suggest that enquiry should be made of the different Counties where more than one Asylum exists, as to the custom which prevails, so that an equitable distribution may be made of such patients in the two Asylums.

During the year two criminal lunatics—one having appeared to be insane in the interval between his conviction and sentence being passed, and the period of penal servitude to which the other was sentenced having expired—have been sent by the orders of the Secretary of State to this Asylum, simply because their offences were committed in the County of Surrey. The former, however, was adjudged to be chargeable to a parish in Middlesex, and was removed to a Middlesex Asylum. The Committee cannot conclude this report without adverting to the injustice and impropriety of

mixing ex-criminal lunatics with the harmless patients in County Asylums, and they invite the attention of the Court to the desirability of representing to Her Majesty's Government the propriety of making some arrangement whereby the inmates of Asylums may be relieved from this hardship and injustice. The Committee think it the more advisable to do this at the present moment, inasmuch as they believe that changes are in contemplation whereby the lunatic convicts at Broadmoor are to be removed elsewhere.

March 19*th*, 1875.

FRANCIS SCOTT, *Chairman*,
ALLEN CHANDLER,
WM. FREDK. HARRISON,
J. H. SMYTH,
JAMES SIMMONS.

SURREY COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM AT BROOKWOOD

INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1874.

INCOME.

	Quarters Ending. 31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	Year ending 31st Dec. 1874.
FROM WEEKLY RATE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From Unions in Surrey, for Maintenance	3696 5 6	3762 7 5	3815 17 6	3884 12 6	15159 2 11
From Out County Unions, for Maintenance	22 6 0	39 19 2	23 5 9	35 18 0	121 8 11
From County Treasurer, for Maintenance	605 16 10	605 14 0	599 14 0	609 0 3	2420 5 1
Sales of Farm Produce	14 6 5	17 11 9	9 8 9	23 11 3	64 18 2
Miscellaneous Sales and Receipts	.....	0 15 11	11 19 3	10 16 6	23 11 8
Interest on Banking Account	.....	14 3 4	.....	20 10 4	34 13 8
Totals	4338 14 9	4440 11 7	4460 5 3	4584 8 10	17824 0 5
FROM COUNTY RATE.					
From County Treasurer, for Additions and Alterations	273 9 9	.....	43 17 1	78 16 6	396 3 4
For Ordinary Repairs	541 8 1	553 2 5	569 9 2	582 19 4	2246 19 0
Totals	814 17 10	553 2 5	613 6 3	661 15 10	2643 2 4
Total Income from Weekly Rate and from County Rate	5153 12 7	4993 14 0	5073 11 6	5246 4 8	20467 2 9
		Balance on 1st January, 1874			5401 5 4
			Grand Total....		£25868 8 1

EXPENDITURE.

	Quarters Ending. 31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	Year ending 31st Dec. 1874.
FROM WEEKLY RATE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities.					
By Officers	382 7 6	382 7 6	382 7 6	375 1 0	
„ Attendants and Servants	582 0 7	578 6 7	587 1 8	595 1 6	
„ Band, &c...	.....	13 14 0	.....	40 5 0	
Total	964 8 1	974 8 1	969 9 2	1010 7 6	3918 12 10
Provisions.					
By Meat	600 1 3	612 13 9	733 1 10	718 10 11	
„ New Zealand Mutton	85 6 5	100 13 9	51 18 8	95 12 9	
„ Flour	409 10 0	429 5 0	417 5 0	357 0 0	
„ Potatoes and other Vegetables	.....	.....	.....	.....	
„ Milk	.....	.....	.....	.....	
„ Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa	123 3 8	125 13 6	118 1 4	113 8 0	
„ Butter	140 4 4	195 18 11	163 19 6	167 1 1	
„ Cheese	46 1 7	51 6 4	69 18 5	50 9 11	
„ Bacon	10 15 1	3 11 5	10 9 3	19 5 10	
„ Eggs	21 15 6	22 2 0	21 9 0	21 15 6	
„ Fish	51 8 5	49 5 3	66 9 0	37 14 9	
„ Extract of Beef	25 4 0	33 12 0	28 7 0	28 7 0	
„ Beer	91 4 0	92 16 0	103 4 0	95 4 0	
„ Barley, Peas, Rice, &c.	22 3 5	25 16 9	21 5 7	20 2 9	
„ Sugar and Molasses	65 6 5	55 12 2	63 16 10	55 19 11	
„ Sundry Groceries	20 7 7	22 18 6	25 15 0	40 1 2	
Total	1721 11 8	1821 5 4	1895 0 5	1820 13 7	7258 11 0
Necessaries.					
For Firing	273 7 7	388 7 8	310 15 3	229 14 4	
„ Light	98 3 7	61 8 1	56 11 10	75 13 3	
„ Washing	40 4 11	40 4 11	71 7 5	37 0 4	
„ House Cleaning	36 19 9	14 13 6	35 1 0	15 3 3	
By Water Supply	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	
Total	458 15 10	514 14 2	483 15 6	367 11 2	1824 16 8
„ *Wine, Spirits, and Porter*	113 10 2	126 9 6	127 15 0	86 18 4	454 13 0
Surgery and Dispensary.					
By Drugs and Chemicals	38 14 0	28 15 3	14 17 11	7 7 10	
„ Instruments and Appliances	.....	15 2 1	0 4 6	1 1 0	
Total	38 14 0	43 17 4	15 2 5	8 8 10	106 2 7
„ *Funerals do...*	14 8 2	10 10 0	17 9 8	24 8 0	66 15 10
„ *Clothing do...*	262 6 1	323 10 0	366 2 6	406 5 10	1358 4 5
Bedding and Furniture.					
By Bedding	26 11 2	.....	10 17 9	.....	
„ Linen and Woollen	160 12 3	85 7 6	162 0 5	.....	
„ Brushes, Rope, Mats, &c.	37 15 8	17 19 3	38 14 0	35 5 6	
„ Earthenware	25 7 8	.....	48 5 9	1 1 11	
„ Ironmongery	30 8 2	5 7 11	9 3 8	24 14 1	
„ Furniture and Upholstery	30 10 4	38 12 2	22 3 0	21 11 2	
Total	311 5 3	147 6 10	291 4 7	82 12 8	832 9 4
„ *Garden and Farm*	365 15 6	229 5 4	259 6 11	331 8 7	1185 16 4
Miscellaneous.					
By Amusements for Patients	8 13 1	6 0 3	7 11 5	0 17 9	
„ Books, Periodicals, and Newspapers	16 14 6	11 5 4	16 2 5	12 17 3	
„ Carriage	20 19 5	11 0 4	24 1 6	14 6 10	
„ Cleaning Chimnies	2 2 4	2 10 3	0 19 0	4 3 8	
„ Postage and Carriage of Letters	9 1 3	10 4 3	9 3 6	10 12 9	
„ Rates and Taxes	10 5 7	.....	3 5 9	3 5 9	
„ Recapture of Patients	0 15 6	1 11 8	6 6 8	0 5 0	
„ Removal of Patients	1 9 4	5 3 3	2 6 3	0 13 9	
„ Stationery, Printing, and Advertising	49 2 0	19 11 0	24 3 6	36 11 11	
„ Travelling Expenses	10 16 8	10 3 9	9 14 4	9 13 0	
„ Subscription to Servants' Institute	1 1 0	.....	.....	.....	
„ Clerk to Visitors, Disbursements	4 7 9	5 7 3	4 18 7	5 4 10	
„ Music and Musical Instruments	.....	.....	.....	18 0 11	
„ Allowances to Patients on Trial	.....	2 12 6	1 11 0	0 10 6	
„ Tobacco and Snuff	26 14 6	26 14 6	26 18 9	26 18 0	
„ Clockwinding	2 10 0	2 12 6	2 17 0	2 10 0	
Total	164 12 11	114 16 10	139 10 9	146 11 11	565 12 5
Totals	4415 7 8	4306 3 5	4564 16 11	4285 6 5	17571 14 5
FROM COUNTY RATE.					
Additions and Alterations	273 9 9	.....	43 17 1	78 16 6	396 3 4
Ordinary Repairs.					
By Artisans' and Laborers' Work	269 18 11	254 1 8	250 15 6	277 18 11	
„ Timber, Bricks, Lime, &c.	91 1 0	122 8 10	111 16 10	37 14 5	
„ Glass and Lead	.....	16 12 7	34 19 0	42 14 9	
„ Oils, Paint, and Paperhanging	15 1 10	68 2 11	36 16 0	22 16 2	
„ Engineers' Work and Ironmongery	122 14 10	65 0 5	112 19 11	82 10 9	
„ Carriage of Goods	3 15 8	15 7 10	1 16 11	21 6 4	
„ Insurance	.....	.....	.....	59 11 0	
„ Sundries	38 15 10	11 8 2	20 5 0	38 7 0	
Total	541 8 1	553 2 5	569 9 2	582 19 4	2246 19 0
Totals	814 17 10	553 2 5	613 6 3	661 15 10	2643 2 4
Total Expenditure from Weekly Rate and from County Rate	5230 5 6	4859 5 10	5178 3 2	4947 2 3	20214 16 9
		Balance on 31st December, 1874			5653 11 4
			Grand Total ...		£25868 8 1

Examined and found correct this 19th day of February, 1875.

FRANCIS SCOTT, *Chairman,*
ALLEN CHANDLER,
J. H. SMYTH,
S. H. DYER.

WALTER CAPPE,
Clerk and Steward.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1874.

MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS.

	£ s. d.		Average Weekly Cost per Patient. s. d.
Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities	3918 12 10	.....	2 4·040
Provisions	7258 11 0	.....	4 3·940
Necessaries	1824 16 8	.....	1 1·058
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	454 13 0	.....	0 3·253
Surgery and Dispensary	106 2 7	.....	0 0·760
Clothing	1358 4 5	.....	0 9·719
Bedding and Furniture	832 9 4	.....	0 5·956
Garden and Farm	1185 16 4	.....	0 8·485
Miscellaneous	565 12 5	.....	0 4·047
	£17504 18 7	.....	10 5·258
Less Sales of Farm Produce, and Miscellaneous Receipts	123 3 6	.....	0 0·881
	£17381 15 1	.....	10 4·377

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FARM AND GARDEN

Dr.

1874.		£	*s.*	*d.*
Jan. 1.	To Live and Dead Stock, valued at	1,767	3	10
Dec. 31.	,, Cash paid for Labour, Horse-hire, &c.	684	0	7
	,, Cash paid for Cattle	103	10	0
	,, Cash paid for Provender, Seeds, Manure, Implements, and Sundry Expenses	919	8	9
	,, Estimated Rent of Land	126	0	0
		3,600	3	2
	Balance in favor..	159	13	11
		£3,759	17	1

GROWING CROP.

13 Acres of Rye.

WALTER CAPPE,
Clerk and Steward.

CCOUNT, for the Year 1874.

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1874.		£	s.	d.
Dec. 31.	By Amount of Produce supplied to the Asylum, viz.:—Milk, Beef, Pork, Potatoes, and Green Vegetables, at Market Prices	1,813	13	8
	„ Cash received for Sundries sold	64	18	2
	„ Miscellaneous Cartage for Asylum	25	12	6
	„ Live and Dead Stock, valued at	1,855	12	9
		£3,759	17	1

PRODUCE CONSUMED BY FARM STOCK.

Potatoes..	40 tons, 2 cwt.	100	5	0
Oats	88 quarters	97	10	0
Rye and Barley Meal ..	36 sacks	34	14	0
Root Crops	107 tons	107	2	6
Grasses	256 loads	64	0	0
Hay	7 loads, 6 trusses ..	28	13	6
Straw	23½ loads	41	17	0
Cabbages..	298 cwt.	14	18	0
		£489	0	0

Examined and found correct, March 5th, 1875.

FRANCIS SCOTT,
S. H. DYER,
J. H. SMYTH.

SPECIAL GRANT FOR RECREA-

		£	s.	d.
1873.				
Jan. 16.	To Cash received from Treasurer of the County of Surrey, under Order of the Court of Quarter Session	5,500	0	0
1874.				
April 21.	To ditto ditto, under Order of the Committee of Visitors in pursuance of Sec. 38, of 16 and 17 Vict., c. 97	273	9	9
		£5,773	9	9

Examined and found correct,

FRANCIS SCOTT,
S. H. DYER,
ALLEN CHANDLER.

TION AND DINING HALL.

1874.		£	s.	d.
Mar. 31.	By Messrs. Holland and Hannen, Contractors for Building	5,172	4	4
	By Mr. C. H. Howell, Architect's Commission ..	265	5	8
	By Allowance for Clerk of Works duties	50	0	0
	By Messrs. Hulett and Co., Gas Fittings	80	13	5
	By Messrs. Haden and Co., for Warming Apparatus	71	18	6
	By Furniture, viz.—			
	Herring and Son, Iron work	16	19	4
	Gill and Carling, ditto	37	7	0
	John Moon, Pitch pine	27	15	2
	Roope and Davidge, Blinds, &c.	45	15	0
	Wandsworth House of Correction, Mats	5	11	4
		£5,773	9	9

Special Grant for Additional Buildings.

1874.					£	s.	d.
Jan. 1.	To Balance				54,950	9	2
Dec. 31.	,, Interest and Premium on Exchequer Bills received during the Year	1,268	4	0			
	Less Discount and Commission on Sales	48	15	0			
					1219	9	0
	To Interest on Banking Account				45	1	9
					56214	19	11
	By Sums Expended on Works:—						
	Contractor for Building	28,500	0	0			
	Architect	1,005	0	0			
	Clerk of Works..	192	1	9			
	,, Tradesmen's Bills:—						
	Water Main, &c.	76	10	0			
	Furniture and Clothing	1,295	5	0			
	,, County Treasurer:—						
	Payment of Interest on Exchequer Bills	1,206	4	2			
					32,275	0	11
	Balance				23,939	19	0
	Remaining Invested in Exchequer Bills				21,000	0	0
	Cash in the hands of the Treasurer of the Asylum				£3,939	19	0

Examined and found correct,

S. H. DYER,
J. H. SMYTH,
FRANCIS SCOTT.

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,

FOR THE

YEAR 1874.

BROOKWOOD ASYLUM.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to submit to you the Eighth Annual Report of the Asylum, with an Appendix of Statistical Tables.

The number of inmates on January 1st, was 635; and on December 31st, 645. The admissions during the year amounted to 177, and the discharges and deaths to 167. The average daily number resident was 645.

ADMISSIONS.

Of the 177 patients admitted, 11 had been inmates on a former occasion. Of the 166 cases of first admission, 119 were males, and 47 females. This disparity in the numbers of the two sexes was observed also in 1873, and depended

partly upon the larger proportion of discharges and of deaths amongst the males, and partly upon the more restricted accommodation for females. No less than 45 males and 95 females, in addition to ten applications for the reception of several patients of either sex, were refused admission during the year owing to the want of room.

Table showing the average number of patients during the past five years:—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1870	312	328	640
1871	303	330	633
1872	299	332	631
1873	313	330	643
1874	317	328	645
Extent of accommodation	321	329	650

This table points out that with respect to the female division the Asylum has been practically full since the year 1870 (in fact, the average daily female population has been in excess of the accommodation originally provided), so that new cases have only been received on the occurrence of vacancies arising from discharges and deaths. In the male division, a few cases were for the first time denied admission in 1873, although the number that had to be refused in 1874 for a similar cause, amounted to 45; yet this was less than half the number of females who were unable to be received. The cause of the inequality in the admission of the two sexes was adverted to at some length in my fifth Report. The inability to admit recent cases into the Asylum as soon as possible after being brought under the notice of Parochial Officers, has undoubtedly caused considerable inconvenience to the Unions,

owing to the difficulty of procuring suitable accommodation in other Asylums, and then only at greatly increased charges. Moreover, the resulting delay must in many instances have considerably prejudiced the recovery of the patient. This will be to a certain extent remedied when the additional buildings in progress at this and the Wandsworth Asylum are completed and fit for the reception of patients. It must, however, be borne in mind that this provision is scarcely more than is at present needed for the large number of Union and Parish cases, who are at present located in private and in out-County Asylums; and owing to the rapidly increasing population of the Metropolitan portion of the County, it is probable that much greater Asylum accommodation will be required all an early date.

In four instances patients could not be received, and were sent back to the Unions owing to defective certificates, but these being subsequently amended, the patients were admitted.

Twelve of the cases admitted were transfers from other Asylums, 20 were found "wandering at large," and 7 were certified to be "not under proper care and control." Two patients had suicidal wounds of the throat, inflicted previously to admission.

DISCHARGES.

Of the 99 patients who were discharged, 84 left as recovered, 6 as relieved, and 9 as not improved. The recoveries constituted 47·5 per cent., calculated upon the year's admissions, and 10·34 per cent. of the total number under treatment, a much higher proportion than that of the

previous year. Of the 15 cases discharged as relieved or not improved, 7 were transferred to other County Asylums, 7 were removed by friends, and 1 escaped.

DEATHS.

The deaths amounted to 68, being in the ratio of 10½ per cent. of the mean number resident. This, although slightly in excess of the years 1872 and 1873, was below the average death rate in English County Asylums. In previous years I have had to draw attention to the fact—and it is moreover well shown in Table 3—of the mortality being greater amongst the males than amongst the females. The past year has proved no exception to this rule, for while the deaths in the male division were 47, in the female they were only 21. This great excess in the mortality of the former sex depended almost entirely upon the greater prevalence of General Paralysis amongst them. This is borne out by the experience of all County Asylums where a large proportion of the inmates are derived from a town population.

The following Table shows in a very striking manner the influence of this disease upon the relative mortality of the two sexes in this Asylum during the past year, as well as for the entire period during which the Institution has been occupied by patients. It further points out the close approximation in the number of deaths in the two sexes from all other causes.

	Deaths during 1874.		*From the opening of the Asylum, to December,* 31, 1874.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
From General Paralysis	24	2	126	14
From all other causes	23	19	153	158
	47	21	279	172

No Inquest was held during the year, and excepting in one instance, the deaths were all from ordinary causes. The exceptional case was due to Enteric Fever, the subject of which was a patient who was an inmate of the Farm Bailiff's residence at a time when a series of drainage works were being carried out, to improve the sanitary condition of this and some other buildings. In eight instances death took place within a month of the patient's admission. Of these, four were in the last stage of General Paralysis at the time of their reception; and one, aged 67, who was admitted in a state of exhaustion, died on the following day.

The average age at death was 51·45 years; the age of the oldest was 82. Post-mortem examinations were made in 50 instances.

PATIENTS REMAINING IN THE ASYLUM.

Of the patients remaining in the Asylum, 88 are chargeable to the County rate. Of the ex-criminal class there are 34. The proportion of patients who are the subject of Epilepsy and General Paralysis continues very large Of the more hopeful cases who have a prospect of recovery we have 37.

GENERAL HEALTH.

The general health of the inmates has been good throughout the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

We had a good water supply during the year, but for 47 days we were solely dependent upon the Basingstoke Canal. This was partly due to the dryness of the summer,

causing our wells and reservoirs to fail, and partly to the large daily supply we had to furnish the Contractor for the new buildings.

ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS.

The constant presence of so many workmen employed in the operations for enlarging the Asylum, and more especially during the necessary alterations in the Laundry block, and other portions of the old building, has been a constant source of anxiety to the Staff throughout the year; but beyond producing a little more excitement amongst some of the Patients no casualty or great inconvenience has resulted. The Cottage Hospital has been completed, and will at an early date be used as a convalescent home for a few female patients. The new workshops have been for some time past occupied by our artisans, and appear to answer their purpose remarkably well.

NEW WORKS.

Amongst the works carried out by our own Staff may be mentioned the diversion of the drainage from the Chaplain's and Farm Bailiff's residences, and the Farm Buildings, towards the Asylum garden, where all the liquid matters are utilised; this involved the abolition of a large sewage tank adjacent to the Farm Bailiff's residence, and laying more than a quarter of a mile length of drain pipes, which necessitated the cutting through a hill to obtain the requisite fall. The importance of this work, from a sanitary point of view, can scarcely be over-rated. Another very satisfactory operation was the conversion of the old sewage tank house into a commodious fruit store with a root store below it. Also the erection of a small

tank containing a double strainer through which the sewage passes, and after being roughly filtered, to separate rags and solid bodies, runs whilst in a fresh condition on to the land. There is now an entire absence of foul odour and of nuisance of any kind. The whole of the sewage operations have been visited by many medical men and others interested in the subject, and have met with unqualified approval.

EMPLOYMENT.

The general employment of the patients has continued much the same as in former years. The average numbers employed and the various forms of employment are shown in Table 12.

RECREATION.

The Recreation Hall, which was opened at the latter end of 1873, has been regularly employed for the weekly recreative meetings, for morning prayers, &c., and admirably it answers its intended purpose. During the year it has been fitted with seats of home manufacture.

RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION.

Mechanical restraint has not been employed since the opening of the Asylum, and there has been no instance of seclusion since the year 1870.

VISIT OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum on March 25 and 26, and left a written Report of their visit.

ADDITIONAL FEMALE NIGHT ATTENDANT.

A second female Night Attendant has been appointed whose duty is restricted to the care of the epileptic and suicidal cases, an arrangement that has been for some time past carried out in the male division. It is satisfactory to know that in neither division, since the appointment of these special attendants, has there been a death from epileptic suffocation during the night.

DEATH OF TWO ATTENDANTS.

I regret to have to record the death of two Attendants. One, a female, died from acute congestion of the brain. She had been 1½ years in the Asylum service and had performed her duties satisfactorily. The second, a male, died from typhus fever, the symptoms of which commenced a few days after his return from an annual leave of absence. Subsequent enquiry left no room to doubt that he had contracted the disease whilst visiting some relatives, typhus fever prevailing in the district at the time. The remains of each were interred in the Woking Cemetery, and were followed to the grave by representatives of all the Asylum staff.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr. Edward Swain, who had held the office of Assistant Medical Officer for 6½ years, resigned his office and left on November 4th, having been elected from a large number of candidates to the office of Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the three counties of Herts, Hunts, and Beds. The whole of the staff of the Institution took the opportunity

of presenting him with a handsome testimonial, as a practical proof of the general estimation in which he was held by them. Personally I have to regret the loss of the services of a valuable colleague who for so long a period was so intimately associated with myself in assisting to carry out all the works incident to the progress and development of this Institution. On the day he left, his successor, Dr. James E. Barton, commenced the active duties of his office. As he had on several occasions acted as Dr. Swain's *locum tenens* he was already acquainted with the general routine, and although he has as yet been only a short time resident amongst us, he has gained the esteem of the Staff and the inmates.

In conclusion, I can only repeat what I have often, and with such good reason, had to say on former occasions, and that is to thank the Committee for the kindness and conideration which has been so continuously extended to me.

I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
T. N. BRUSHFIELD, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

To the Committee of Visitors.

TABLE 1.

Shewing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, during the Year 1874.

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
In the Asylum, 1st January, 1874 ..	..	..	..	311	324	635
Admissions during the year	119	47	166			
Re-admissions ,, ...	7	4	11			
Total Admitted	..	..	..	126	51	177
Total under care during the year	..	..	..	437	375	812
Discharged, or removed—						
Recovered	58	26	84			
Relieved	5	1	6			
Not improved..	6	3	9			
Died	47	21	68			
Total discharged and died during the year..	..	..	..	116	51	167
Remaining in the Asylum, Dec. 31st, 1874	..	..	..	321	324	645
Average numbers resident during the year..	..	..	..	317	328	645

Per Centage of Recoveries on Total Number under Treatment ..	10.34
Ditto ditto Admissions during the Year	47·58
Ditto Deaths on the average number daily Resident ..	10·5
Ditto ditto Total number under Treatment.. ..	8·37
Greatest number resident at one time	655
Least number ditto ditto	636

TABLE 2.

Shewing the Admissions Re-Admissions, and Discharges and Deaths, from the opening of the Asylum to the 31*st December*, 1874.

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Patients admitted during the period of 7½ Years	..	..	..	899	768	1667
Re-Admissions	..	..	..	40	33	73
Total Cases Admitted	..	..	..	939	801	1740
Discharged or Removed—						
Recovered	201	224	425			
Relieved	28	15	43			
Not improved..	110	66	176			
Died	279	172	451			
Total Discharged and Died since the opening of the Asylum	..	..	..	618	477	1095
Remaining 31st December, 1874 ..	..	..	..	321	324	645
Average numbers resident during the 7½ Years..	..	..	..	271	296	567

TABLE 3.

Shewing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with mean Annual Mortality, and Proportion of Recoveries per Cent. of the Admissions, for each year since the opening of the Asylum.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining 31 December, in each Year.			Average Numbers resident.			Per centage of Recoveries on Admissions.			Per centage of Deaths on Average Numbers resident.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Not Improved.																	
	M	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1867.....	160	168	328	2	8	10	–	–	–	1	1	2	5	4	9	152	155	307	80.6	92.6	173	1.25	4.76	3.04	6.19	4.31	5.19
1868.....	146	196	342	24	38	62	5	4	9	7	2	9	28	23	51	234	284	518	203	239	442	16.5	19.4	18.1	13.8	9.6	11.5
1869.....	125	101	226	18	38	56	3	2	5	3	4	7	32	24	56	303	317	620	251	295	546	14.4	37.6	24.7	12.6	8.1	10.25
1870.....	98	88	186	24	39	63	–	2	2	11	10	21	49	34	83	317	320	637	312	328	640	24.4	44.3	33 8	15.7	10.3	12.9
1871..... ...	86	94	180	19	22	41	6	1	7	40	24	64	43	34	77	295	333	628	303	330	633	22.0	23.4	22.7	14.1	10.3	12.1
1872.	78	57	135	28	37	65	2	2	4	7	3	10	32	18	50	304	330	634	299	332	631	35.9	64.9	48.14	10.7	5.4	7.92
1873.....	120	46	166	28	16	44	7	3	10	35	19	54	43	14	57	311	324	635	313	330	643	23·3	34·8	26·5	13·7	4·2	8·87
1874.....	126	51	177	58	26	84	5	1	6	6	3	9	47	21	68	321	324	645	317	328	545	46.0	51.0	47.5	14.8	6.4	10.5
Totals.....	939	801	1740	201	224	425	28	15	43	110	66	176	279	172	451	–	–	–	271	290	576	–	–	–	–	–	–

Table 4.

Shewing the History of the Annual Admissions since the Opening of the Asylum, with the Discharges and Deaths, and the Numbers of each Year remaining on the 31st December of the Year reported on.

Admitted						Of each Year's Admissions, Discharged and Died in 1874												Total Discharged and Died of each Year's Admissions to 31st December, 1874												Remaining of each Year's Admissions 31st December, 1874		
	New Cases.		Relapsed Cases		Total	Recovered			Relieved			Not Improved			Died			Recovered			Relieved			Not Improved			Died					
Year.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1867	160	167	–	1	328	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4	5	9	13	26	39	–	5	5	25	11	36	56	57	113	66	69	135
1868	141	192	5	4	342	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	–	2	2	4	6	29	52	81	7	3	10	22	21	43	46	41	87	42	79	121
1869	122	97	3	4	226	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	18	35	53	3	1	4	25	11	36	38	24	62	41	30	71
1870	90	85	8	3	186	–	2	2	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	1	26	30	56	4	1	5	13	11	24	36	15	51	19	31	50
1871	82	87	4	7	180	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	4	22	28	50	3	2	5	10	7	17	24	17	41	27	40	67
1872	72	49	6	8	135	2	2	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	2	2	4	18	24	42	6	2	8	6	2	8	29	9	38	19	20	39
1873	113	44	7	2	166	18	7	25	3	1	4	2	2	4	14	3	17	39	14	53	3	1	4	7	3	10	29	4	33	42	24	66
1874	119	47	7	4	177	36	15	51	2	–	2	2	–	2	21	5	26	36	15	51	2	–	2	2	–	2	21	5	26	65	31	96
Total	889	768	40	33	1740	58	26	84	5	1	6	6	3	9	47	21	68	201	224	425	28	15	43	110	66	176	279	172	451	321	324	645

Summary of Total Admissions	Males	Females	Both Sexes
Per centage of Cases Recovered	21·4	27·9	24·43
,, ,, Relieved	3·0	2·0	2·47
,, ,, not Improved	11·7	8·2	10·11
,, ,, Died	29·7	21·5	25·92
,, ,, Remaining	34·2	40·4	37·07
	100·0	100·0	100·00

TABLE 5.

Shewing the Causes of Death during the Year.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.	T.
Cerebral or Spinal Diseases—			
General Paralysis..	24	2	26
Disease of Brain	6	4	10
Serous Apoplexy	..	1	1
Epilepsy	1	4	5
Thoracic Diseases—			
Phthisis..	5	2	7
Gangrene of Luugs	1	..	1
Broncho-Pneumonia	3	..	3
Acute Bronchitis and Old Age	..	1	1
Emphysema	..	1	1
Disease of Heart	2	..	2
Enteritis	..	1	1
Occlusion of Gall Duct	..	1	1
Enteric Fever	1	..	1
Erysipelas	..	1	1
Old Age..	4	3	7
Total ..	47	21	68

TABLE 6.

Shewing the Length of Residence in those Discharged Recovered, and in those who have Died during the Year.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Under 1 month	2	..	2	8	..	8
From 1 to 3 months	21	12	33	10	..	10
From 3 to 6 months	20	6	26	5	3	8
From 6 to 9 months	6	1	7	5	1	6
From 9 to 12 months	1	2	3	4	1	5
From 1 to 2 years	6	2	8	5	3	8
From 2 to 3 years	1	1	2	1	4	5
From 3 to 4 years	1	..	1	1	..	1
From 4 to 5 years	..	2	2	2	..	2
From 5 to 6 years	..	..	..	2	1	3
From 6 to 7 years	..	..	..	3	6	9
From 7 to 7½ years	..	..	..	1	2	3
Total ..	58	26	84	47	21	68

Table 7.

Shewing the duration of the Disorder on Admission, in the Admissions, Discharges and Deaths during the year.

Class.	Duration of Disease on Admission in Four Classes.											
	The Admissions.			The Discharges.						The Deaths.		
				Recovered.			Removed, Relieved, or otherwise.					
	M.	F.	T	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
First Class— First attack, and within 3 months on admission	81	28	109	39	17	56	7	2	9	24	7	31
Second Class— First attack, above 3 and within 12 months on admission ..	12	5	17	3	2	5	1	1	2	5	3	8
Third Class— Not first attack and within 12 months on admission	21	9	30	15	3	18	2	1	3	4	2	6
Fourth Class— First attack or not, but of more than 12 months on admission	12	9	21	1	4	5	1	..	1	14	9	23
Total	126	51	177	58	26	84	11	4	15	47	21	68

Table 8.

Shewing the Ages of the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year.

Ages.	The Admissions.			The Discharges.						The Deaths.		
				Recovered.			Relieved, Removed, or otherwise.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
From 5 to 10 Years	2	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
„ 10 to 15 „	1	2	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
„ 15 to 20 „	4	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
„ 20 to 30 „	20	11	31	17	11	28	3	–	3	4	2	6
„ 30 to 40 „	42	9	51	21	3	24	2	–	2	8	–	8
„ 40 to 50 „	25	12	37	10	7	17	2	2	4	14	4	18
„ 50 to 60 „	13	8	21	5	5	10	2	1	3	11	5	16
„ 60 to 70 „	15	7	22	3	–	3	1	1	2	6	4	10
„ 70 to 80 „	3	2	5	1	–	1	1	–	1	4	5	9
„ 80 to 90 „	1	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
„ 90 and upwards	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	126	51	177	58	26	84	11	4	15	47	21	68

TABLE 9.

Condition as to Marriage in the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, during the Year.

Condition in reference to Marriage.	The Admissions.			The Discharges.						The Deaths.		
				Recovered.			Removed Relieved or Otherwise.					
	M.	F	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Single..	41	19	60	25	10	35	4	–	4	13	5	18
Married . ..	74	23	97	31	11	42	6	4	10	28	13	41
Widowed	8	7	15	1	4	5	–	–	–	5	2	7
Not ascertained..	3	2	5	1	1	2	1	–	1	1	1	2
Total .. .	126	51	177	58	26	84	11	4	15	47	21	68

TABLE 10.

Shewing the probable Causes, apparent or assigned, of the Disorder in the Admissions, Discharges and Deaths of the Year.

Causes.	The Admissions.			The Discharges. Recovered.			The Discharges. Removed, Relieved or Otherwise.			The Deaths.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
MORAL:—												
Mental Anxiety ..	3	..	3	1	1	2	..	..	..	3	1	4
Domestic Trouble ..	..	1	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	1
Fright	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	3	3
Religion	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Money Matters ..	3	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1
Grief	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Loss of Husband ..	..	1	1	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Loss of Son.....	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Death of Father ..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disappointment in Love	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Over Study	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Teazed by Companions	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
PHYSICAL:—												
Sunstroke	1	..	1	1	..	1	2	..	2	1	..	1
Recurrence of Mania	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2
Injury to Head ..	2	..	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2
Intemperance	15	4	19	8	1	9	..	..	..	2	..	2
Epilepsy	3	2	5	3	1	4	1	..	1	..	1	1
Hereditary	2	2	4	1	1	2	1	..	1	1	.	1
Paralysis	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Accident	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fall	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Erysipelas	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal	..	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suppression of Catamenia ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dyspepsia	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disease of Brain ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Congenital	1	.	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Not known	81	33	114	33	17	50	5	3	8	29	15	44
Total	126	51	177	58	26	84	11	4	15	47	21	68

TABLE 11.

Abstract of Patients admitted, discharged, and adjudicated, during the year, and remaining on the 31st Dec. 1874.

Unions and Parishes.	Remaining in the Asylum 1st Jan., 1874.	Admissions. During the Yr.	Admissions. Adjudications.	Total.	Discharges. Discharges and Deaths.	Discharges. Adjudications.	Remaining 31st Dec. 1874.	Remarks.	Appropriated Number of Patients Receivable from each Union.
Camberwell	52	9	..	61	9	4	48		25
Chertsey	44	14	1	59	12	..	47		All
Dorking..	24	10	..	34	10	1	23		All
Farnham	35	4	..	39	9	..	30		All
Guildford	57	32	..	89	23	3	63		All
Hambledon	25	11	..	36	7	1	28		All
Lambeth	134	43	1	178	28	11	139		100
Saint Saviour's	84	7	2	93	10	.	83		90
Saint Olave's..	70	40	.	110	37	1	72		65
Windsor	13	4	..	17	1	..	16		All (Surrey part).
Croydon	2	..	..	2	..	..	2		..
Epsom	1	..	..	1	..	..	1		..
Godstone	1	..	..	1	..	..	1		..
County of Surrey	90	3	2	95	7	..	88		All
Out County Unions ..	3	..	17	20	14	2	4		..
Total	635	177	23	835	167	23	645		

Table 12.

Head Male Attendant's Summary of Daily Reports.

1874.	Wednesday, Nov. 4.		Thursday, Nov. 5.		Friday, Nov. 6.	
Employed.	Morn.	Aft.	Morn.	Aft.	Morn.	Aft.
Under the Gardener	59	59	58	58	59	59
,, Farm Bailiff	58	58	61	61	61	61
Assisting Joiner	1	1	1	1	1	1
,, Engineer	3	3	3	3	3	3
,, in Laundry	6	6	6	6	6	6
,, Plumber	1	1	1	1	1	1
,, Painter	4	4	4	4	4	4
,, Tailor	2	2	2	2	3	3
,, Shoemaker	5	5	5	5	5	5
,, Bookbinder	2	2	4	4	4	4
,, Upholsterer	2	2	2	2	2	2
,, Baker..	3	3	1	1	3	3
,, Bricklayer..	1	1	1	1	1	1
,, in Domestic Offices	16	16	16	16	16	16
Coal Carriers	6	6	6	6	6	6
Helpers in Wards	27	27	27	27	27	27
,, Kitchen	11	11	11	11	11	11
Total	207	207	209	209	213	213
Unemployed.						
Unable from Excitement	34	34	34	34	33	33
,, Depression	17	17	17	17	17	17
,, Sickness, Infirmity, or Old Age	47	47	47	47	48	48
Able, but unwilling	12	12	10	10	6	6
Secluded	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	110	110	108	108	104	104
At Morning Prayers	76	–	76	–	89	–
Admissions..	–	1	–	–	–	–
Discharges	–	–	–	–	–	–
Deaths..	–	–	1	–	–	–
Total	317	318	317	317	317	317
At Entertainment	–	164	–	–	–	–

Table 12.

Head Female Attendant's Summary of Daily Reports.

1874.	Wednesday, Nov. 4.		Thursday, Nov. 5.		Friday. Nov. 6.	
Employed.	Morn.	Aft.	Morn.	Aft.	Morn.	Aft.
Assisting Housemaid	2	1	2	1	2	1
Ditto in Laundry	34	34	34	34	28	27
Making Men's Clothing	17	17	16	16	18	17
Binding Boots and Shoes	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mending Stockings	14	14	12	12	16	21
Knitting and Netting	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sewing and Quilting	42	73	46	77	37	67
Helpers in Wards	102	71	101	72	108	71
Assisting Night Attendant..	2	2	2	2	2	2
Picking Hair	—	—	—	—	1	1
Cutting-out Room	2	2	2	2	2	2
Superintendent's House	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cleaning Chapel	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total	221	220	221	222	220	220
Unemployed.						
Unable from Excitement	36	36	35	35	37	37
,, Depression	12	12	13	13	11	11
,, Sickness, Infirmity, or Old Age	42	42	42	42	42	42
Able, but unwilling	16	17	16	15	18	18
Secluded	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	106	107	106	105	108	108
At Morning Prayers	68	—	73	—	70	—
Admissions	—	—	—	1	—	1
Discharges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	327	327	327	328	328	329
At Entertainment	—	155	—	—	—	—

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

In presenting to you my Eighth Annual Report, I have nothing of special interest to bring before your notice, but am happy to state that my work here has gone on regularly and peacefully, without any alteration in its system or principles; and that it has received cordial, and I may say increasing support from the co-operation of the Officers, and many of the attendants. To the patients it has often been blessed, and has been to them generally acceptable, and I trust useful.

The Services in the Chapel on Sundays, and the greater Festivals, have been constantly attended by as many as the building would hold, namely, about 260 patients. The average number of communicants from the same class was above 13, in nearly equal proportions of men and women.

At the morning Services, held daily, in the Recreation Hall, the numbers in attendance varied from 130 to 180.

The Services in the Infirmary wards, for the advantage of those who are too feeble to join the general congregations, have been continued throughout the year, with much benefit, being particularly appreciated on the female side of the house.

The anniversary of the Asylum, and the in-gathering of the harvest, were observed, as usual, as Festivals, and solemnized by special Services, with suitable sermons preached.

During Lent, week-day evening Services were held in the Recreation Hall, which were attended by large and earnest congregations.

Classes for elementary instruction and improvement, have been held under my supervision weekly, for men and women separately, during the winter months.

The circulation of books, by means of bookcases in every ward, supplied from the general library, and changed periodically, continues to work well. The library has been gradually enlarged by several successive additions, comprising many volumes, and we have again this year to thank the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, for a second grant of useful books and tracts.

I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
JOHN M. GILLINGTON, M.A.
Chaplain.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

SURREY ASYLUM AT BROOKWOOD,
March 26th, 1874.

We yesterday morning commenced, and to-day finished, the inspection of this Asylum. The workmen are busy upon the additions to the building, which will accommodate 300 women and 100 men. The present numbers on the books are, males, 309; females, 323; making a total of 632. The vacant beds are 11 for men, 6 for women. Of the 632 patients, there are 132 suffering either from general paralysis or epilepsy—85 of the male, and 47 of the female sex. Of those under treatment here, 34 belonged to the criminal class, and 69 appear to be County patients. The following tabular statement sets forth the changes which have taken place since our colleagues' visit in June of last year:—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Admitted	94	37	131
Discharged	56	30	86
Died	30	10	40

Of those discharged, the Asylum Records name 42 persons as having previously recovered, and 28 were removed to Caterham Asylum. Looking into the causes of death we

learn that 20 patients died from general paralysis, 8 from other brain diseases, 3 from epilepsy, as many from diseases of the chest, and 2 from suicide; but in one of the two cases last referred to, the self-injury (the cutting of his throat) had been done before admission here; the other man drowned himself. The only Coroner's Inquests held here were those upon the suicides. Post-mortem examinations took place in 34 instances, the relatives objecting to that course on the deaths of the other 6 patients. The mortality it will be seen has been less, being under 9 per cent. of the average number in residence, and little more than 6 per cent. on the total number under treatment. Of the patients here at the end of 1873, 13 men and 6 women only were deemed to be curable. Eleven in the male, and 8 in the female division are reported to be now taking medicine; and as we passed through the wards we found 7 men, and but 1 woman in bed. The general health of the inmates seems to have been satisfactory and there has been no outbreak of any epidemic character.

We visited every part of the main building, and also went over the detached cottages, occupied by patients employed on the farm and in garden work. The ventilation everywhere was excellent, and the cleanliness, good order, and comfort of the wards and several rooms testify the management of the Asylum is in good hands. The papering and painting commenced in the female division, and the subject of favourable remark by our colleagues last year, has been extended to the male side, and is still in progress. The beds and bedding are in very creditable condition, and the personal appearance of the patients is satisfactory; with some few exceptions their clothing was in good state, and cleanliness

prevailed. We were present at dinner time, and tasted the meat, vegetables, and beer; also in the bake-house, the bread The food served at dinner was beef and pork pie, with onions, potatoes, and parsnips; the quantity was sufficient, but the meat was decidedly tough. We learn that Australian meat, with seasoning of onions and some batter, is a popular dish, and given on Saturdays. No complaint was made to us in regard to the dietary, or, indeed, upon any matter, save detention, and great content prevailed. The men and women were alike free from excitement; and we only noticed two black eyes, which in each case were explained satisfactorily by the patients' confirmation of the reports of others. The means of amusement seem to be liberally provided in-doors, and 437 patients are employed usefully in various ways; of that number, 55 men work under a gardener, 58 with the Farm Bailiff, and 28 at trades, 3 in the bakehouse, 8 in the laundry, 10 in the kitchen. No woman save the two paid females assists in the kitchen, but the laundry gives occupation to 26; 80 are employed in sewing and quilting, 26 mend stockings, and 17 make men's clothing. The ward helpers of each sex are 25 from the male, and 62 from the female side. Dr. Brushfield reports that 22 patients only are able and unwilling to work.

The new Recreation Hall was opened on New Year's eve and has been found most useful; frequent entertainments are there given, and last night the Superintendent amused the patients with a conjuror's performance. The attendants appear to be sufficient in number, and so far as we could judge careful of those in their charge; they provide a Brass Band of sixteen.

The Chaplain, who accompanied us yesterday in our inspection, informed us of the religious ministrations, which will be much aided by the enlargement of the Chapel; the new nave will double the number of those who can now be seated.

At the Services last Sunday 123 men and 142 women were present. One hundred and fifty-three patients or thereabouts attend the daily prayers. The Roman Catholic patients are 60; they have a Service by a Priest in the Hall; their last Service was attended by 24. The detached Hospital and Workshops are in an advanced state, and the new blocks for male and female patients are above the ground, and according to the contract should be completed in March, 1875. Plans for the removal of the Gas Works have not at present been procured, but we conclude that the necessary steps will be taken for this purpose before the building operations are finished.

The alterations in the male division will ultimately include a large dormitory, and 12 single rooms for epileptic and suicidal patients, who will be under the charge of a special night attendant; but no arrangement of this description is at present contemplated on the female side, where it is no doubt as much needed as in the male division. We beg, therefore, to bring this matter under the special notice of the Committee of Visitors. At present there are two night attendants for the men and only one for the women, whose duties are to visit the ordinary rooms every two hours, and those occupied by epileptic and suicidal propensities each hour. We think that the visits by night attendants should be each hour to all

dormitories and single rooms occupied by patients, and for this purpose we recommend the appointment of a second night attendant in the female division.

The question of the water supply will have again to be considered when the additions are completed; although during the past summer it has not been found necessary to make use of water from the canal (for which £40 yearly is paid) it is very doubtful whether the ordinary supply can be depended upon, and also whether the present arrangement with the Canal Company is likely to be permanent. The attention of the Committee should, we think, be directed to the probability of obtaining an adequate supply of water by sinking a well in the lower part of the estate.

The general result of our visit is to confirm the favourable opinion expressed on former occasions of the condition of this Asylum, and of the care and kindness bestowed upon the patients.

CHARLES PALMER PHILLIPS, } *Commissioners*
JAMES WILKES, } *in Lunacy.*

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

SURREY ASYLUM, BROOKWOOD,

January 28th, 1875.

We were occupied the whole of yesterday and a part of to-day in seeing the patients, and in inspecting the Asylum, the different detached buildings, and the works now in progress. We have great pleasure in recording our very favourable opinion of the condition of the Asylum in general, and of the undiminished care that is shown in providing for the wants and comforts of the inmates. There are now 647 in number, of whom 320 are men, and 327 women. Since the visit on the 25th of March last, there have been—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted	103	44	147
Discharged	57	23	80
Died	38	18	56

The number of recoveries reported is 71, nearly two-thirds of them being of men. There is nothing requiring special notice in the causes of death, with the exception of one case of Enteric fever from which a male patient at the Farm died, but which did not extend to others. As many as 19 patients died of general paralysis, 13 from other cerebral diseases, including 3 from epilepsy. Phthisis, and other diseases of the lungs and heart were fatal in 14, old age in 7, and jaundice and erysipelas in 2 instances.

There has not been any suicide or fatal casualty, and no inquest has been held.

Post-mortem examinations have been made in all cases but 12.

The death rate has been at the rate of 10½ per cent. on the mean number resident, being nearly 2 per cent. in excess of of that of the previous year.

Four of the male patients are out on probation, and the remaining 643 we have seen. We found them quiet, and except in several instances, on the subject of their having been sent and detained here at all, uncomplaining.

All the wards were clean, well ventilated, and bright and cheerful, with an abundant supply of plants. Those on the female side, with the Christmas decorations still remaining, were more especially so. Cages of birds, pictures on walls, and a good supply of books and indoor games, afford plentiful objects of interest and diversion for the patients.

The dormitories and bedding were in good order. Some of these rooms are without blinds, and it would be well if they were all provided with them.

The men do not make use of the washing appliances that are placed in the bed-rooms,* and therefore more basons (as well as an extra number of combs and brushes) are needed in the lavatories.

The men have a change of linen twice a week, and a considerable number of both sexes have Sunday suits. The dress generally is good.

There is a slight increase, as compared with last year, in the numbers usefully employed, which, as on former occasions, we find to be a large proportion of the inmates, and their occupation to be of a varied nature. There are only 30 who are reported as able but unwilling to work.

A Roman Catholic priest gives a Service on Sundays as heretofore, for the members of that Church.

The enlargement of the Chapel, will, it is hoped, be finished by the summer. The space afforded by the present one is filled every Sunday, and there is an attendance of between 130 and 140 of both sexes at daily morning prayers which are read in the New Hall.

A Pantomime was given here last night, for the first time, and is to be repeated next week. There were 189 male and

* This is an error on the part of the Commissioners.

160 female patients present. The record that is kept of the weekly entertainments shows that they are of a varied and amusing character, and that a large number of patients are able to attend them.

We found no one in seclusion or restraint, and there is no cord of the employment of either since the last visit.

Four of the men and 7 of the women were in bed yesterday, and there are 19 of the former sex and 17 of the latter under medical treatment.

There is no vacancy in the staff of attendants which appears to be sufficient in numbers. There is, as before, a married female attendant in 3 of the male wards.

The rate of wages is as under :—

Men ..	1st Class	£30,	yearly increase of	£1	to	£40.
	2nd ,,	£25,	,,	,,	,,	£30.
Women ..	1st ,,	£18,	,,	,,	,,	£24.
	2nd ,,	£14,	,,	,,	,,	£20.

With board, lodgings, &c., and uniform.

We have gone over the detached hospital which is finished, the new block for females, and the additional buildings for males, both of which are roofed in, and are expected to be fit for occupation in the autumn. We are glad to find that the walls throughout these buildings are plastered, and the accommodation provided by them will be of a superior character.

The works hitherto appear to have been well executed. The workshops have been finished since the last visit and are now occupied.

The male epileptic ward will soon be ready and will contain 51 beds, 12 being in single rooms. We have made some suggestions to Dr. Brushfield as to making proper provision that the attendant may hear any noise which takes place, and may see the patients in these rooms without opening the door. Although the number of epileptics in the female division is less than that in the male, we think that similar arrangements should be carried out for their care also. We are glad to find that a special night attendant has been appointed to take charge of this class, but the present structural arrangements of the sleeping rooms, does not enable her to exercise the requisite supervision.

Dr. Brushfield has shown us the site to which it is proposed to remove the gas works, and to which we see no objection.

During parts of the summer and autumn it was found necessary to make use of water from the canal for 47 days. A considerable quantity of water was no doubt required in the building operations duing this period, but the adequacy of the water supply of an Asylum which will presently contain 1,050 patients, is a matter of serious importance; it is, however, now engaging the attention of the Committee.

Dr. Barton has succeeded Dr. Swain as Assistant Medical

Officer, the latter having been appointed Superintendent of the Three Counties Asylum.

The appointment of a second Assistant Medical Officer, which will soon be necessary, is, we understand, under consideration.

GREVILLE HOWARD, } *Commissioners*
JAMES WILKES, } *in Lunacy.*

STAFF AND EMOLUMENTS.

On 31st December, 1874.

OFFICERS.

	£	s.	d.
* Medical Superintendent	700	0	0
Assistant Medical Officer	100	0	0
§ Chaplain	220	0	0
† Clerk to Visitors	52	10	0
* Clerk and Steward	200	0	0
Do. for board, £1 per week	52	0	0
Housekeeper	40	0	0
Head Male Attendant	70	0	0
Head Female Attendant	45	0	0
	£1,479	10	0

SERVANTS—MALE.

1	Assistant Clerk	50	0	0
2	1st Class Attendant and Wife in charge of Male Sick Ward	61	0	0
2	1st Class Attendant and Wife in charge of Workshop Ward	60	0	0
2	1st Class Attendant and Wife in charge of Detached Block	58	0	0
1	1st Class Attendant	37	0	0
2	Ditto ditto at £36	72	0	0
1	Ditto ditto	34	0	0
‡1	Ditto ditto Tailor, at 25*s.* per week	65	0	0
1	Ditto ditto Mattress Maker	30	0	0
1	Ditto ditto Bookbinder	32	0	0
1	2nd Class Attendant and Bandmaster	35	0	0
2	2nd Class Attendants at £30	60	0	0
1	Ditto ditto	27	0	0
3	Ditto ditto at £28	84	0	0
4	Ditto ditto at £26	104	0	0
5	Ditto ditto at £25	125	0	0
1	Ditto ditto Stableman	28	0	0
1	Store Porter	31	0	0
1	Hall Porter	33	0	0
1	Baker	30	0	0
1	Laundryman	30	0	0
*1	Engineer at £1 17 per week	96	4	0
†1	2nd Engineer 1 8 –	72	16	0
	Forward	1254	0	0

* Lodged. § House, Garden, and Gas. † Have neither Board nor Lodging. ‡ Partial Board.

NOTE.—Those without asterisks have Board, Lodging, and Washing.

All Attendants have two suits of uniform.

SERVANTS—MALE.—(*continued.*)

		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
	Forward					1254	0	0
†1	Smith	at 1	5	0	per week	65	0	0
†1	Gasman	1	0	0	–	52	0	0
*1	Joiner..	1	12	0	–	83	4	0
†1	Bricklayer	1	11	0	–	80	12	0
†2	Plumber and Painter	1	11	0	–	161	4	0
†1	Shoemaker	1	10	0	–	78	0	0
†1	Stoker	1	0	0	–	52	0	0
1	Farm Bailiff	1	10	0	–	78	0	0
1	Gardener and Wife	1	12	6	–	84	0	0
†1	Carter	0	18	0	–	46	16	0
†1	Farm Labourer	0	18	0	–	46	16	0
†1	Cowman	0	18	0	–	46	16	0
†1	Farm Boy	0	8	0	–	20	16	0
						£2,149	4	0

SERVANTS—FEMALE.

1	1st Class Attendant	24	0	0
1	Ditto ditto..	23	0	0
1	Ditto ditto..	22	0	0
3	Ditto ditto.. .. .. at £21	63	0	0
1	Ditto ditto..	19	0	0
‡1	Ditto ditto, Tailoress .. .. at 7*s.* per week.. ..	18	4	0
1	2nd Class Attendant and Organist	22	0	0
3	2nd Class Attendants.. .. .. .. at £18	54	0	0
3	Ditto ditto.. .. .. at £17	51	0	0
2	Ditto ditto.. .. .. at £16	32	0	0
4	Ditto ditto.. .. .. at £15	60	0	0
6	Ditto ditto.. .. .. at £14	84	0	0
1	Cook	30	0	0
1	Laundress	21	0	0
1	Laundry Attendant	18	0	0
2	Under Laundry Maids .. .. .. at £14	28	0	0
2	Housemaids.. .. .. at £18	36	0	0
1	Kitchenmaid	18	0	0
1	Hall Attendant	16	0	0
		£639	4	0

* Lodged. † Have neither Board nor Lodging. ‡ Partial Board.

NOTE.—Those without asterisks have board, lodging, and washing.

All Attendants have two suits of uniform.

CONTRACT AND OTHER PRICES

OF THE PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF CONSUMPTION. 1874.

		£ s. d. First six months.	£ s. d. Second six months.
Beef and Mutton, average price per stone of 8lbs...		0 4 11⅛	0 4 10⅛
New Zealand Mutton..	at per lb.	0 0 5½	0 0 5¼
Dried Bacon	at per cwt.	3 6 0	3 2 0
Salt Butter	,, ,,	5 6 0	5 6 0
Cheese..	,, ,,	3 2 0	3 4 0
Ditto	,, ,,	3 19 4	3 19 4
Moist Sugar	,, ,,	1 9 0	1 6 0
Ditto..	,, ,,	1 6 0	1 3 6
Soda	,, ,,	0 8 0	0 7 0
Starch..	,, ,,	1 10 0	1 8 0
Blacklead	,, lb.	0 0 4	0 0 4
Pepper	,, ,,	0 0 7	0 0 7
Tea	,, ,,	0 1 10½	0 1 10
Flaked Cocoa	,, cwt.	2 18 0	2 18 0
Table Beer..	,, barrel	0 16 0	0 16 0
Porter..	,, ,,	1 11 4	1 11 4
Port Wine..	,, gallon	0 12 0	0 12 0
Brandy	,, ,,	1 1 0	1 1 0
Gin	,, ,,	0 13 0	0 13 0
Flour	at per sack of 280 lbs.	2 4 0	1 18 2
Molasses	at per cwt.	0 15 7	0 15 6
Soap, mottled	,, ,,	1 13 0	1 13 0
Do. yellow	,, ,,	1 13 0	1 13 0
Carbolic (Scouring)	,, ,,	1 18 0	1 18 0
Household Coals	,, ton	1 8 0	1 3 6
Steam do.	,, ,,	1 7 0	1 3 9
Gas do...	,, ,,	1 12 0	1 6 6

WALTER CAPPE,

Clerk and Steward.

DIET SCALES.

Days		Bread		Meat		Potatoes				Flour		Peas		Rice		P.Barley		Carrots		Onions		Turnips		Suet or Drippng	
						Peeled.		Unpeeled.																	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
		oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz,	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.
Sunday	Roast Meat	16	12	7	6	12	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1¼	1¼	..	..	..	..
Monday	Boiled Meat	16	12	7	6	..	..	16	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuesday	Irish Stew	16	13	2	2	16	12	..	.	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	1¼	..	..
Wednesday	Meat Pie	15	12	5	4	6	4	..	..	½	3½	..	..	1½	1½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½	1
Thursday	Boiled Meat	16	12	7	6	..	..	16	12	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Friday	Soup	12	10	2	2	..	..	..	..	8	6	1¾	1¾	¾	¾	¼	¼	1¾	1¾	⅞	⅞	..	..	1½	1
Saturday	Meat Pie	15	12	6	5	6	4	..	..	4½	3½	..	..	1½	1½	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1½	1
Weekly Total ..		106	83	36	31	40	30	32	24	17	13	1¾	1¾	3¾	3¾	¼	¼	3	3	3⅜	3⅜	1¼	1¼	4½	3

EXTRA FOR WORKERS.

Males.—4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, ½ pint Beer, Daily.

Females.—3 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, ⅓ pint Beer, Daily.

DIET SCALES.—*Continued.*

Days.	BREAKFAST.						DINNER.														SUPPER.							
	Males.			Females.			Males.							Females.							Males.				Females.			
	Bread	Butter	Cocoa	Bread	Butter	Cocoa	Uncooked Meat	Irish Stew	Soup	Meat Pie	Vegetables	Bread or Dumpling	Beer	Uncooked Meat	Irish Stew	Soup	Meat Pie	Vegetables	Bread or Dumpling	Beer	Bread	Seed Cake	Butter	Tea	Bread	Seed Cake	Butter	Tea
	oz.	oz.	pts.	oz.	oz.	pts.	oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	oz.	pts.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pts.
Sunday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	7	..	..	..	12	4	½	6	..	..	..	10	2	⅓	..	6	..	1	..	5	..	1
Monday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	7	..	..	..	16	4	½	6	..	..	..	12	2	⅓	6	..	⅓	1	5	..	⅓	1
Tuesday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	2	1½	..	..	16	4	½	2	1	..	..	12	3	⅓	6	..	⅓	1	5	..	⅓	1
Wednesday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	5	..	..	16	6	3	½	4	..	..	12	4	2	⅓	..	6	..	1	..	5	..	1
Thursday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	7	..	..	..	16	4	½	6	..	..	..	12	2	⅓	6	..	⅓	1	5	..	⅓	1
Friday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	2	..	1½	..	..	16	½	2	..	1	..	..	12	⅓	6	..	⅓	1	5	..	⅓	1
Saturday	6	⅓	1	5	⅓	1	6	..	..	16	6	3	½	5	..	..	12	4	2	⅓	6	..	⅓	1	5	..	⅓	1
																					30	12			25	10		
Weekly Total	42	2⅓	7	35	2⅓	7	36	1½	1½	32	72	38	3½	31	1	1	24	54	25	2⅓	42		1⅔	7	35		1⅔	7

Tobacco and Snuff, given as indulgences to the Patients who are employed in Field Work, &c., and to other Patients, by order of the Medical Superintendent.

The *Extra Diets*, as per Summary of Sick Lists, consist of *Mince Meat, Bread, Beef Tea, Mutton Chops, Beef Steaks, Bacon, Eggs, Light Puddings, Green Vegetables, Arrowroot, Tea, Coffee, Milk, Porter, Wine, Brandy, Gin, &c, &c.*

Cocoa for 100 Patients.	Tea for 100 Patients.	Coffee for 100 Patients.
3¼ lbs. Cocoa	1 lb. Tea	1½ lbs. Coffee and ¼ lb. Chicory
6½ „ Treacle	4 „ Sugar	4 „ Sugar
3 gals. Milk	2 gals. Milk	2 gals. Milk.

Meat Pies—1 lb. to each Male Patient, and 12 oz. to each Female Patient. *Suet Dumplings*—1 lb. to Males, and 12 oz. to Females on Soup Days (Fridays.) *Soup* consists of the Liquor of the Boiled Meat of the previous day, Bones, &c., with Meat, 12 *lbs*, *Peas*, 5 *lbs*. *Rice*, 1½ *lbs*. *Pearl Barley*, 12 *lbs*. *Carrots*, 6 *lbs*. *Onions*, *Spice*, *&c.*, for 100 Patients. *Fruit Pies* are substituted for Meat when fruit is in Season.

Mince Meat Diets consist of 6 *oz*. *Cooked Meat* for Males, 5 *oz*. for Females, ¾ *lb*. *Peeled Potatoes*, 1½ *oz*. *Rice*, and 3 *oz*. *Bread*, each. *Cake* made from the Dough for Bread, with the addition of 6½ *lbs*. *Dripping*, 2½ *lbs*. *Sugar*, and ¾ *lb*. *Carraway Seeds*, per 100 Patients.

Fish—1¼ lb. to Males; 1 lb. to Females.

BROOKWOOD ASYLUM.

PLAIN DIRECTIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY DISCHARGED PATIENTS (with the assistance of their relatives and friends) to prevent a return of their late distressing illness :—

1. *Keep regular hours*—go to bed early, and rise early.

2. *Take plain food at regular times.*

3. *Use little beer, and that not strong,* only at meal times, and never more than two glasses at one meal.

4. *Use no wine or spirits.*

5. *If possible use no tobacco,* or in very small quantities, if accustomed to its use.

Indulgence, even occasionally, in intoxicating liquors, the use of opium, or of much tobacco (whether the original cause of the patient's illness or not, will certainly bring on a return of the worst symptoms, probably ending in incurable disease, and requiring detention in an Asylum for life.

6. *Take care that the bowels act daily ;* to ensure this, a little Castor Oil, or a dose of Salts and Senna may be occasionally required.

7. *If sleepless or restless at night*, consult a medical man immediately.

8. *Allow no gossiping or joking* respecting the patient's recent illness.

9. *Any threat or attempt to commit suicide* should be at once reported—in writing, if possible—to the Relieving Officer of the District, and medical assistance be obtained. The windows should be securely fastened, and all knives, razors, sharp instruments, fire-irons, and articles capable of being used as weapons, should be removed from the room occupied by the patient. Above all, the patient should not be left unattended, even for a few minutes, night or day.

10. *The return of any of the former, or of the appearance of any fresh symptoms* of insanity, such as threatened or attempted violence, peculiar fancies, strange habits, &c., should arouse watchfulness, and should be at once reported to the Relieving Officer.

11. *Kindness and a little forbearance* on the part of the relatives and friends towards the patient on removal from the Asylum will do much towards preventing another attack of brain disease. On the other hand all hurry, worry, annoyance, and needless trouble will certainly endanger the completeness of recovery.

NOTE.—The Asylum Medical Officers are always glad to hear from their former patients, or from their relatives and friends respecting them; and are always ready to give them any advice to assist in preventing a return of their illness. Letters should be addressed to The Medical Superintendent, Brookwood Asylum, Woking Station.